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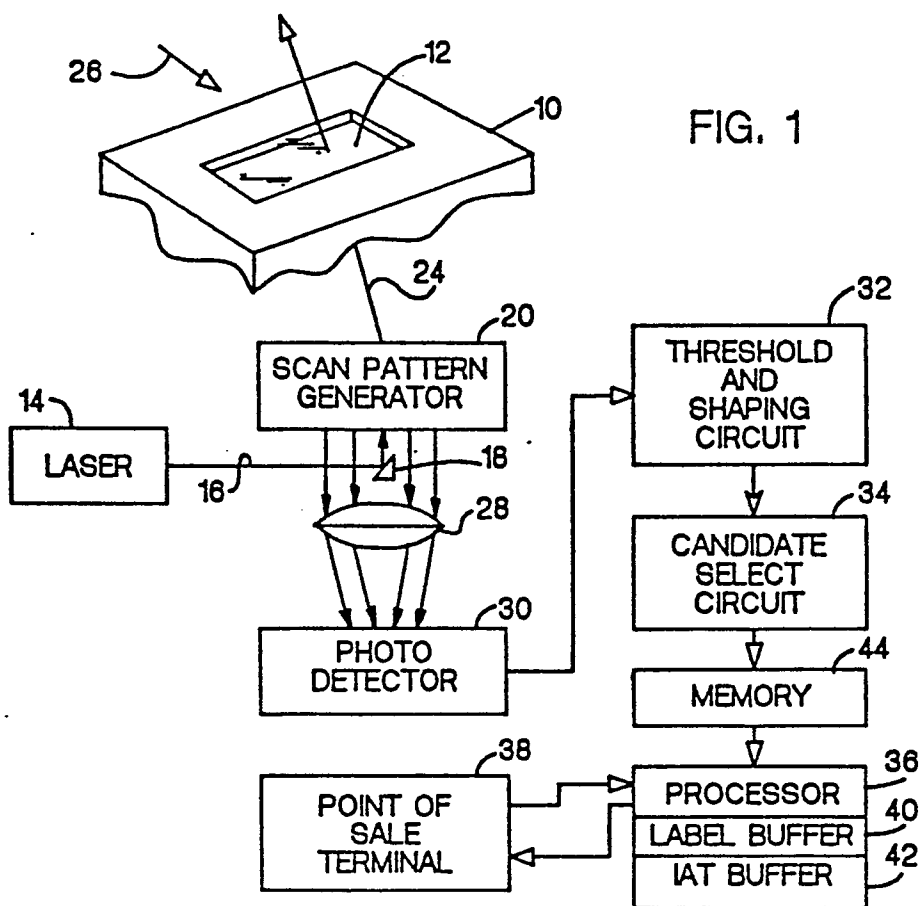
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Method of inhibiting processing of duplicative coded label signals.

A system is disclosed for preventing processing of duplicative coded label signals generated by a scanner lacking item detectors. The system establishes a variable lockout time as a function of operator performance. Any detected label candidate which duplicates a candidate received within the lockout time is assumed to be duplicative. Any transfer to the terminal is inhibited. Operator performance

is tracked by measuring the inter-item arrival times for candidates actually transferred to the terminal. The inter-item arrival times are averaged over a given number of items. The average value is used to select a lockout time which is generally proportional to the average inter-item arrival time.





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